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**Soviet Radio**

## **Warns U.S. Of War III**

### **Kosygin Repeats Call for America To Quit Viet-Nam**

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MOSCOW, Feb. 16 (UPI) — Russia warned today that United States air raids on North Viet-Nam could trigger World War III. Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin again demanded withdrawal of all U.S. troops and military equipment from South Viet-Nam.

[Reliable sources in Saigon said today that Soviet ground-to-air missiles arrived recently in the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi. The sources, whose identities could not be disclosed, had just arrived in Saigon from Hanoi. There was no official confirmation of the report in Saigon or Washington, but the Soviet Union was reported to have promised North Viet-Nam help to meet U.S. air attacks.]

#### **Calls Situation Dangerous**

The World War III warning came in a Radio Moscow broadcast beamed especially for North America. Kosygin's withdrawal demand came in a message addressed to the forthcoming Indochinese Peoples' Preparatory Conference opening in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Radio Moscow said, the "situation is becoming increasingly dangerous" and added that North Viet-Nam, as a member of the Communist community, "will not be left to stand alone." The "responsibility for the dire consequences... rests with America," the radio said.

Kosygin's message was distributed by the official news agency Tass.

#### **In Line With Communiqué**

It was the second such demand by Kosygin this month.

He called for the withdrawal of American forces and equipment from South Viet-Nam in a speech Feb. 8 at a Soviet Embassy reception in Hanoi during his visit to North Viet-Nam.

While the missile report could not be confirmed either in Saigon or Washington, it would conform with a joint Soviet-North Vietnamese communique issued after Kosygin visited Hanoi. The statement said agreement had been

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had been reached on "steps which should be taken to strengthen the defensive potential" of North Viet-Nam.

Kosygin was in Hanoi during the first two of the three U.S.-Vietnamese raids made in retaliation for Communist terrorist attacks in South Viet-Nam.

Kosygin later signed a joint Soviet-North Korean statement giving further assurances of unspecified military aid to the Hanoi regime.

The Kremlin has remained silent about what specific defense aid it had in mind since Kosygin's return to Moscow Monday.

North Viet-Nam has a strong regular army and militia but is lacking in an adequate air defense system, a fact underlined by success of the U.S. air attacks on the Tonkin Gulf area Aug. 5 and the more recent attacks on guerrilla training areas.

Hanoi is believed to have only about 30 obsolete jet fighters and a modest training program. Its antiaircraft is based on 37-millimeter guns designed in 1939.

Buildup of such forces with foreign aid is forbidden by the 1954 Geneva agreements on Indo-China. An International Control Commission formed at the time and composed of Indian, Canadian and Polish members was ordered to leave by Hanoi this weekend.

The Hanoi government said because of the American attacks it could no longer guarantee the safety of the Commission. Observer teams had been assigned to stations on the North Viet-Nam-China border where any troop movements would take place and on the main railway from the

Communist Chinese military base at Nanning.

### **Embassy in Caracas, UPI Offices Attacked**

CARACAS, Feb. 16 (UPI) — The American Embassy and the Caracas offices of United Press International were attacked by terrorists today in an apparent protest against U.S. policy in Viet-Nam.

At the Embassy, national guardsmen fired more than 100 shots into the air to drive off demonstrators seeking to

gain entrance. The demonstrators got close enough to hurl bottles of ink at the building. Seven arrests were made.

The Embassy said none of its staff members were injured.

At the UPI offices, six gun-carrying youths blackjacked their way into the 9th floor bureau. One stood guard at the door with a pistol in hand and the five others ran around the office smashing at teletype and telephone equipment with short iron bars.

They scattered leaflets

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around the office calling on Venezuelans to protest "new aggression of Yankee imperialism" in Viet-Nam.

Six staff members were in the office at the time but no one was injured, although the raiders fired at least three shots into the ceiling.